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AN ACT

To amend chapter 135, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating solely to the creation of a tax credit for service station owners who sell ethanol.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 135, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 135.491, to read as follows:

135.491. 1. Beginning on or after January 1, 2006, an eligible taxpayer shall be allowed a credit against the taxes otherwise imposed under chapter 143, RSMo, not including sections 143.191 to 143.265, RSMo.

- 2. To be eligible, the taxpayer shall be a retail owner and operate at least one service station at which more than sixty percent of the total gallons of gasoline sold and dispensed through one or more metered pumps by the taxpayer in the tax year is ethanol blended gasoline.
- 3. The taxpayer shall be allowed a credit against the tax otherwise due, in an amount equal to two and one-half cents multiplied by the total number of gallons of ethanol blended gasoline sold and dispensed through all metered pumps located at that service station during the tax year in excess of sixty percent of all gasoline sold and dispensed through metered pumps at that service station during the tax year.
- 4. An individual may claim the tax credit allowed a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, estate, or trust electing to have the income taxed directly to the individual. The amount claimed by the individual shall be based upon the pro rata share

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

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of the individual's earnings of a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, estate, or trust.

- 5. The tax credit allowed by this section shall be claimed by such individual at the time such individual files a return and shall be applied against the income tax liability imposed by chapter 143, RSMo. Where the amount of the credit exceeds the tax liability, the difference shall be refunded to the taxpayer or carried forward into each subsequent taxable year until such credit is fully used.
- 6. The director of the department of revenue shall promulgate rules and regulations to administer the provisions of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, RSMo, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536, RSMo, and, if applicable, section 536.028, RSMo. This section and chapter 536, RSMo, are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536, RSMo, to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2005, shall be invalid and void.
- 7. Notwithstanding the provision of subsection 4 of section 32.057, RSMo, the department of revenue or any duly authorized employee or agent shall determine whether any taxpayer filing a report or return with the department of revenue who has not applied for the credit allowed under this section may qualify for the credit, and shall notify any qualified claimant of the claimant's potential eligibility, where the department determines such potential eligibility exists.
 - 8. Pursuant to section 23.253, RSMo, of the Missouri Sunset Act:
- (1) The provisions of the new program authorized under this section shall automatically sunset six years after the effective date of this section unless reauthorized by an act of the general assembly; and
- (2) If such program is reauthorized, the program authorized under this section shall automatically sunset twelve years after the effective date of the reauthorization of this section; and
- 46 (3) This section shall terminate on September first of the calendar year immediately 47 following the calendar year in which the program authorized under this section is sunset.